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ONE OF A KIND

Nancy C. Blair, a pioneer in the development of public library service in South Carolina, retired on March 8. Nancy's initial interest in her library field was sparked when as a student at the University of South Carolina, she was employed part-time as page in the Richland County Library. After graduating from Columbia University Graduate Library School, she returned to South Carolina to supervise the activities of the Extension Department of Richland County Library. From this position, she went on to become Director of the state-wide WPA library program. Under her direction, this program became a model demonstration of recommended practices and provided the foundation upon which the present state-wide program of library service has been built. When the WPA folded in 1943, Nancy became the first Director of the South Carolina State Library Board. Three years later, she resigned her State Library Board position to become Head Librarian of Spartanburg County Library, a recently established system incorporating a former county and city library into a single system. After working in Spartanburg, for ten years, she returned to Columbia, where, after filling various library positions in the schools and at the University, she became a Consultant on the staff of the State Library Board. As a State Library Board Consultant she served in various areas of the Board's program including children's services, field services, institutional service, and the library building construction program. Probably no other South Carolina librarian can boast of so many friends throughout the State.

During her career, she has held various offices in the South Carolina Library Association including the presidency of the state association and has served on a number of committees of the Southeastern and American Library Associations. For the past several years she has edited the monthly

publication of the State Library, "News for South Carolina Libraries."

The Board and Staff of the State Library held a reception for Nancy from four to six on the afternoon of March 10 in the Staff Room of the State Library. During the afternoon many old friends from the Columbia area dropped by to wish Nancy well on her retirement and to express their appreciation for the fine work she has done in improving library service in the State.

AREA REFERENCE RESOURCE CENTERS

The three county libraries, Charleston, Florence and Greenville, designated as Area Reference Resource Centers, were allocated grants of \$27,000 each during the current fiscal year to employ a qualified Regional Reference Librarian and to add to the books and materials in the general reference collection.

As Area Reference Resource Centers each of these county libraries will provide an expanded reference service with emphasis on serving business and industry. The area served by the Center will have the privilege of referring serious readers to the Central Library for reference services and materials not available at the local level. The establishment of these centers coordinates reference resources and will gradually equalize the availability of materials and services for all residents of South Carolina.

Each of the Area Centers has received the entire State Library catalog on microfilm cassettes together with the equipment needed to read, scan and print from the catalog. This enables each of the centers to determine quickly if a specific publication, not available locally, is available from the State Library in Columbia and if so, to secure it promptly. Teletypewriter facilities speed the handling of such loan requests with the State Library.

The Charleston Area Center serves the counties of Berkeley, Dorchester, Colleton and Beaufort; the Florence Center serves the counties of Lee, Darlington, Marlboro, Dillon and Marion; and the Greenville Center serves the counties of Anderson, Cherokee, Laurens, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg.

WHICH HAND WILL YOU TAKE?

Legislative and library halls are filled with rumors and counter-rumors about the progress of the campaign to have State Aid increased from 20¢ to 30¢ per capita. The amount recommended in the budget proposed by the State Budget and Control Board would not allow an increase in State Aid, but the House Ways and Means Committee is now at work on their version of the appropriation bill and hopes run high that the amount they recommend will allow the increase to 30¢ per capita. All members of the House who have been contacted by their librarians and board members in regard to the increase in State Aid have reacted favorably. If you have not already talked with your House members, do so now! Scuttlebutt in the State Capital is that an increase will be recommended, but what a successful campaign needs is strong dedicated support, not rumor!



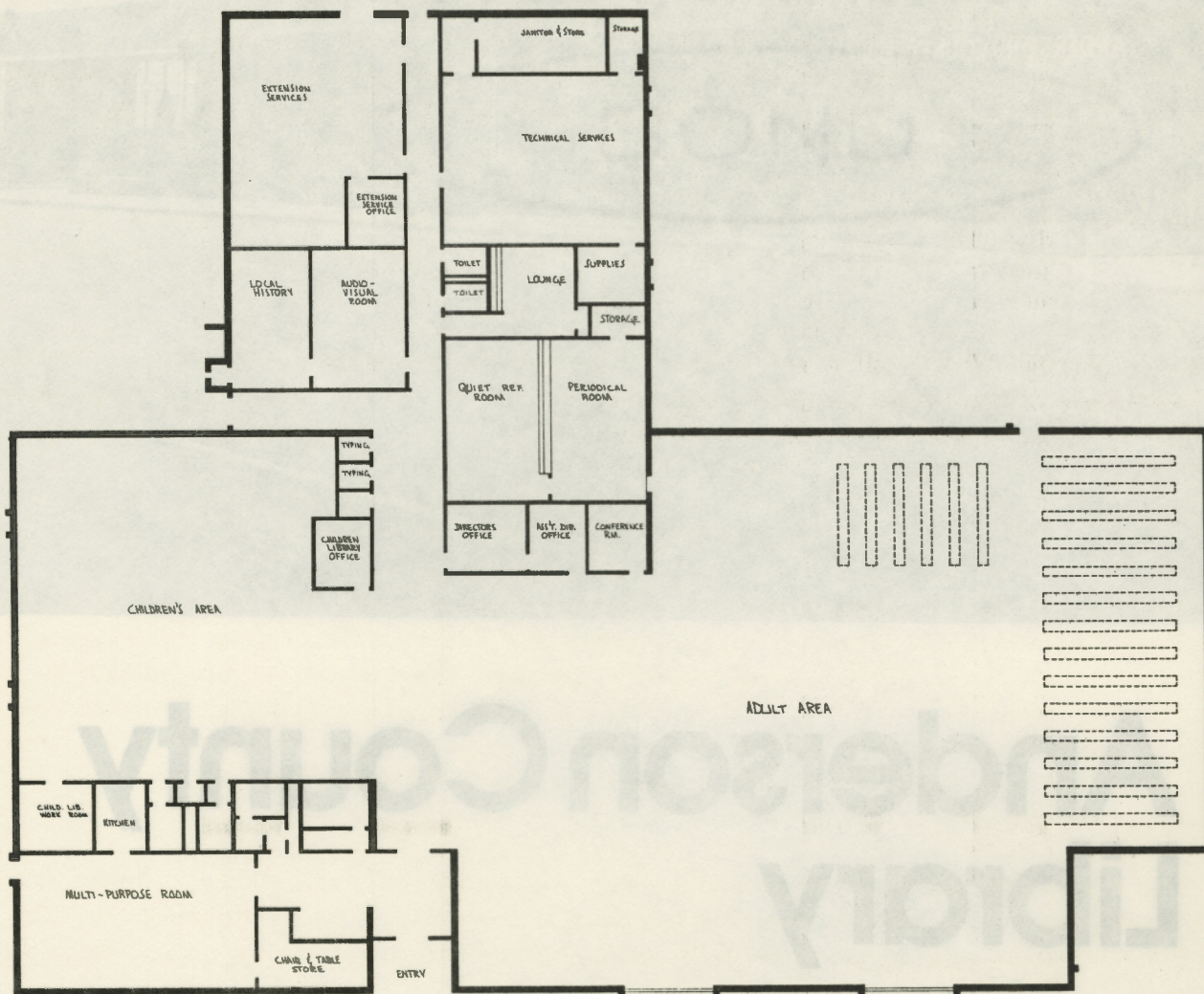
Anderson County Library

Featured this month is the new headquarters building of the Anderson County Library in Anderson.

Dedicated on January 5, 1972, the new building is of contemporary design and contains nearly 27,000 square feet. Located on a one acre lot on E. Greenville Street, the structure features specific reading areas for adults, young adults and children. There are rooms for periodicals, reference, audio-visual, and typing. Also, there is a South Carolina history room. A multi-purpose room will be used for story hours and meetings of civic groups.

Costs totaled \$670,000. Financing was furnished by grants authorized under the Library Services & Construction Act administered by The State Library, and the South Carolina Appalachia Commission. Anderson County appropriated \$350,000.

"This is a facility which should serve the people of the county for many years to come" said Cyril Russell, librarian. "There is considerable room for expansion and it is a pleasure to work in a building that has been so well planned," he added.



The Anderson County Library features a browsing collection of 100 Talking books and 25 books in Braille for the visually and physically handicapped. There is a microfilm reader available along with film, film-strip and slide projectors. Also, there are phonorecord listening facilities, audio tapes and cassettes and art display facilities.

A. Reese Fant of Anderson was the architect and Harper Builders of Williamston the general contractor.

BOOK CARAVAN

Children who are unable to visit the Spartanburg County Library will have the library brought to them under the "Library Story Caravan Program."

The \$26,730 project is a cooperative venture of Model Cities, Spartanburg County Library and the Library Services and Construction Act Program administered by the South Carolina State Library.

The new program caters to children from two to six. It will introduce films, literature, art pictures and audio recordings primarily to urban disadvantaged children.

The van recently purchased is decorated with pictures, decals, maps and other items that will appeal to youngsters. Some 750 books are provided for their enjoyment.

Mrs. Richard Kershner and Mrs. Gerry Robinson are in charge of the operation of the van. The entire project is being supervised by the Director of the Spartanburg County Library, Miss Frances Reid.

THE CASSETTE CATALOG

In a step to improve interlibrary reference service, the South Carolina State Library has provided the Greenville, Florence and Charleston county libraries all of which serve as Area Reference Resource Centers, with a microfilm edition of its entire catalog of 80,000 volume. The catalog is contained in thirty-six microfilm cassettes and a librarian can quickly determine if a particular publication is available in the State Library. An annual supplement to the catalog will be provided and the catalog will be completely redone every five years.

The State Library has microfilmed the catalog of the University of South Carolina and will microfilm the catalog of Clemson University. These catalogs will be used by the institutions concerned to improve interlibrary loan service between the institutions.

Coordinating the library resources of the State for the service of the people of the State and is one of the objectives of the State Library program and will result in better service to all library patrons.

VIP

Miss Shirley Brother, Regional Program Officer for library services, Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) visited South Carolina March 28-29.

During her stay, she conferred with the staff of the South Carolina State Library on the Five-Year Plan for Statewide Library Development presently being prepared.

JMRT WORKSHOP

"Planning Library Buildings" will be the topic of a workshop to be held by the Junior Members Round Table of the South Carolina Library Association in Columbia on May 5, 1972, from 1:00 until 4:00 p. m. Guy R. Lyle, Director of Libraries at Emory University and author of Administration of the College Library, will be the main speaker.

All libraries in the state are invited to attend the meeting. Further information will be sent to each library.

BRICKS AND MORTAR

Now that the State Library is running out of funds for construction grants, everybody wants to build a building! Some fortunate counties have already secured new library buildings with the assistance of grants under Title II of LSCA and still others have buildings under construction. The branch of the York County Library at Fort Mill is nearing completion. The headquarters of the Cherokee County Library in Gaffney will be completed sometime this fall. The architect of the Kershaw County Library building in Camden has completed the working drawings and specifications and bids will be advertised in the near future.

The Aiken County Library has an opportunity to secure a magnificent home to be renovated into a headquarters building to house both the county and regional headquarters. The State Library called in J. Russell Bailey, architectural consultant, to review both site and building.

NEW BRANCH BUILDING FOR CLINTON

Hopes for a new library building to house library service for the Town of Clinton have been considerably boosted by the contribution from the family of the late J. Will Leake of one-half of the site selected for the new construction. The site selected is near the new City Hall in the center of downtown Clinton and the Leake family have agreed to donate fifty front feet of the lot and the city will purchase the other fifty front feet needed for the site.

The new building will cost from \$125,000 to \$150,000. The South Carolina State Library has already earmarked \$50,000 in grant funds under its administration toward the project.

For the past thirty years the Town of Clinton has been served from the PC-Community Library. This building housed the library of Presbyterian College. Its construction was aided by a \$25,000 bond issue by the Town of Clinton and in addition, Clinton has supplied the utilities and has maintained the building as its contribution for municipal participation in college library programs and facilities. For the past fifteen years children's library service has been provided in the PC-Community Library building by the Laurens County Library.

LIBRARY FUND GROWS BY \$1000

The Evening Woman's Club of Pickens presented a check in the amount of \$1000 to the Pickens Friends of the Library on March 23 to be used to buy furnishings for the new library building. The library building, now under construction, is expected to be completed in the early fall.

The Pickens Library, a branch of the Pickens County Library System, will be housed in the new building which is being constructed entirely with local funds.

CLEMSON COMMUNITY LIBRARY CELEBRATES

The Friends of the Clemson Community Library held an open house on Monday evening, March 27, and invited the entire community to come and see the results of community effort at improving and expanding the library housing. The funds for this project were raised through community subscription and represent the interest which the entire community feels in books, reading and libraries.

Mrs. James Dusenberry is President of the Friends of the Clemson Community Library organization.

POETS AT THE LIBRARY

Three of the South's most promising young poets appeared on a program at the Anderson County Library sponsored by the Pegasus Society of Anderson. Readings were given by Rosemary Daniell of Atlanta, Dr. Franklin B. Ashley of Aiken and Dale Alan Bailes of Columbia.

All three poets are involved in the Poetry in the Schools program initiated by the South Carolina Arts Commission this year and all have been widely published.

FLORENCE "BOOK EVENING"

The second program in the series of "Book Evenings" sponsored by the Florence County Library and the Francis Marion College Library will be held Thursday night, April 27, in the meeting room of the Peoples Federal Savings and Loan Association. During the first part of the program Dr. Hans Lischka of Francis Marion College will discuss the book Future Shock, by Alvin Toffler, after which there will be a question and answer period and open discussion.

CHARLESTON "BOOK EVENING"

On Monday night, March 27, 1972, Richard Coleman, Charleston author and critic, spoke on three short stories with a similar theme: "That Evening Sun", by William Faulkner; "The Magic Barrel", by Bernard Malamud; and "The Life You Save May Be Your Own", by Flannery O'Connor.

NEW ALA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Robert Wedgeworth, Jr. has been named executive director of the American Library Association by the ALA Executive Board, it has been announced by Keith Doms, president of the Association and director of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Mr. Wedgeworth will succeed David H. Clift.

Mr. Wedgeworth is editor of Library Resources and Technical Services, the official journal of the ALA Resources and Technical Services Division. Mr. Wedgeworth has an A. B. in English Literature from Wabash College; an M. S. in Library Science from the University of Illinois, and is currently a doctoral candidate and assistant professor at Rutgers Graduate School of Library Science.

HELP!

What To Do Before The Censor Comes--And After has been revised and reissued as a special supplement to the March 1972 issue of the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom. The eight-page primer on handling intellectual freedom controversies in the library contains the 1972 revision of How Libraries Can Resist Censorship, the Library Bill of Rights, the School Library Bill of Rights, the Statement on Labeling, and the Resolution on Challenged Materials. Also included is the new What the American Library Association Can Do For You To Help Combat Censorship, and the Association's Program of Action for Mediation, Arbitration, and Inquiry. Reprints are available for 10¢ per copy, \$2.00 per 25, \$3.00 per 50, and \$5.00 per 100, from the Office for Intellectual Freedom, American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Pre-payment for all orders of \$2.00 or less is requested.

RIEDEL PRESENTS TEXTILE LIBRARY TO ERSKINE

The Riegel Textile Corporation has made a gift of its 2,000 volume textile library to the McCain Library at Erskine College. The collection, composed of bound journals, unbound journals, and monographs in the fields of applied chemistry, textile chemistry, textile technology, business and trade is appraised at approximately \$25,000.

LIBRARY WORKSHOP

A six-week workshop for in-service librarians will be conducted at the South Carolina State College this summer. Six hours of graduate or undergraduate credit may be earned. Included among the subjects will be the impact of the communications revolution on instructional media, theories of learning and their implications for selecting and using various media.

NEWS FROM RCPL

Julian J. Nexsen has been elected president of the Board of Trustees of the Richland County Public Library, succeeding Julian H. Hennig, Jr.

Exhibits on drug education based on a grant and booklist from the South Carolina State Library are on display at the Main Library and all branches of the Richland County Library.

Carol Cook, Adult Services Librarian of the Richland County Library, appeared on WNOK TV to give public information on the Talking Books Collection and other services available at the library for the handicapped.

NEWS OF USC

Mrs. Janet A. Bondo joined the USC library staff as a Cataloger on March 1. She holds the MSLS degree from the University of North Carolina and was most recently associated with the University of Wisconsin Libraries as a specialist in cataloging editing.

Alan H. Stokes, Jr. joined the Manuscripts staff of the South Caroliniana Library on March 1. Mr. Stokes holds the M.A. degree in history from USC and will shortly be awarded the Ph.D. in history from USC. He is a Captain in the U.S. Army Reserves and recently returned from active duty in Vietnam.

Kenneth E. Toombs, Director of Libraries, attended a committee conference of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries in New Orleans March 1-4 to form plans for a cooperative automated cataloging system for members of the association.

Homer Walton, Head of the Cataloging Department, attended the Institute on Cataloging of Non-book Materials in Atlanta on February 2-4. The institute was sponsored by Georgia Tech and the State Archives Department of Georgia.

Kenneth E. Toombs, Director of Libraries, served on the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges accreditation committee for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro March 5-8.

Kenneth G. Walter, Assistant Director of Libraries, attended the MARC Processing Institute in Washington on February 24-25. The institute was an overview of automation of technical processing in the Library of Congress and was sponsored by the Library of Congress and the American Library Association.

INTERNATIONAL BOOK YEAR

On March 13, President Nixon officially proclaimed United States participation in International Book Year, 1972. This action aligns the United States with the other

member states of UNESCO in giving world-wide recognition to the importance of books and reading in achieving greater international understanding and peaceful cooperation.

A Secretariat for United States participation in International Book Year to encourage and coordinate a wide variety of activities by schools, libraries, booksellers, and other book-related organizations, has been established in the offices of the National Book Committee, Inc., One Park Avenue, New York, New York 10016. The Director of the United States Secretariat is Miss Esther J. Walls (212) 689-8620.

ALA-CHICAGO CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference of the American Library Association will be in Chicago at the Conrad Hilton and Palmer House Hotels, June 25-July 1.

Complete information on the conference, including housing, an advance registration application, and a preliminary program, is available upon request from the ALA Conference Arrangements Office, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611. This year, for the first time, the information is contained in a twelve-page, 8 1/2 x 11 inch booklet. Advance registration is available only for weekly member and nonmember registrations.

LIBRARY REUNION

A unique "reunion" is planned for Chicago in June... a gathering of past and present members of the staff of the Brooklyn Public Library in attendance at the ALA conference. The reunion will be held Wednesday, June 28th, from 9:00 p.m. to midnight at the Sheraton Room of the Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel, South Michigan and East Balboa. It will be a "no-host" session, with drinks pegged at \$1.25.

LIBRARIANS RETIRE

Mrs. William T. Marshburn, Librarian of the Barnwell County Library, retired March 1. Mrs. Marshburn had been with the Barnwell County system since 1954 when she joined the staff as an assistant to Mrs. Jennings McNab.

Mrs. Marshburn was a former school librarian having served for thirteen years in school libraries in Virginia and West Virginia.

The Barnwell County Library is a member of the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library System.

Mrs. Louise B. Garvin of the USC Library staff retired March 31. Mrs. Garvin has been with the Cataloging Department since 1964 and worked mainly with the Undergraduate Library collection. Before coming to USC, Mrs. Garvin was associated

with public and school libraries in Georgia. She also served as an Armed Forces Librarian.

The library staff honored Mrs. Garvin at a luncheon on March 25.

AT THE FLORENCE LIBRARY A KING JAMES ORIGINAL

Among the rarest of books is an original version of the King James Bible. Recently the Florence County Library became the recipient of a King James original. Now on display under glass in a specially-built display case in the library, the Bible is a gift of Jack Wright and John Scott, Florence attorneys, who obtained it in London during a visit to England.

SYMPATHY TO

The family of Mr. Thomas Oregon Lawton, Sr., who died in Allendale on March 2. Mrs. T.O. Lawton, Sr. is a long time member of the library boards of Allendale and of the Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library Board of which she has served as Chairman.

Miss Nancy C. Blair on the death of her father, Mr. William Preston Blair.

CAROLINIANA

Boling, Katharine S. A piece of the fox's hide. Sandlapper Press, November, 1972.

No price set.

About the Pamplico Bigham family.

Distinguished women of Laurens County, South Carolina, coordinated by Marguerite Tolbert, Irene D. Elliott and Wil Lou Gray. R. L. Bryan Company, 1972. \$5.95.

MacDowell, Dorothy Kelly, A DuBose genealogy; maison d'Isaac DuBose II and many affiliated families. Limited edition. Aiken, South Carolina, April, 1972. Mrs. M. DuBone MacDowell, 113 Gregg Avenue, Aiken, South Carolina 29801. \$16.00 pre-publication plus 40¢ mailing charge.

Huguenots in South Carolina (reprint) and Upper beat of St. John's Berkeley, by Frederick A. Porcher. Aiken, South Carolina, April, 1972. Mrs. M. DuBose MacDowell, 113 Gregg Avenue, Aiken, South Carolina 29801. \$9.00 pre-publication plus 40¢ mailing charge.

Combined price, both books from Mrs. MacDowell \$22.50 plus 60¢ mailing charge.

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